

Reminder: ICE SHACKS MUST BE REMOVED DAILY

Aurora County

Vacant/Andy Peterson



Fishing report:

Wilmarth Mitchell: A few small panfish, small perch.

Nelson Lake: No report.



Hunting report: No report.

Beadle County

Chris Kuntz



Fishing Report:

James River: No report.

Lake Byron: No report.

Mud Lake: No report.

Cavour Lake: Still catching a few crappies but fishing has slowed in the last week. The ice is starting to melt along the edges so use caution.



Hunting Report: No report.

Bon Homme County

Todd Crownover



Fishing Report: Along bottom road near Springfield some new ice fishing activity. No reports of catches, seems to be slow. Be careful of thin ice with the ever changing currents.

Lake Henry, many fisherman, ice is good. A few small bluegills are biting. No sign of perch which seems to be the fish of choice.

Missouri River: The Missouri River is opening up and some area fishermen are going on the river. Ice fishing is extremely dangerous with the weather changes and caution should be taken on the ice, especially the Missouri River bays.

Lake Henry: Remember bass must be 15 inches to keep.



Hunting Report: Snow geese have arrived in huntable numbers.

Brookings County

Jeff Grendler



Fishing Reports:

Lake Albert: Some walleyes are being caught. Most are small with some in that 15-16 inch range. A few perch.

East Hwy 81 ponds: Anglers were out with limited success. An occasional walleye and perch.

Brush Lake: Slow.

Lake Poinsett: Slow.

Goldsmith: No activity.

Campbell: Little to no activity.

Sinai: Fish success dropped off on Thursday last week. A pretty decent bite on crappie and a few perch occurred the week before. A few crappie and small walleye occasional being still caught.

East Oakwood: No activity.

West Oakwood: A few walleye being caught with a few fish in that 18-24 inches. The walleye bite is by no means hot. The perch bite has tapered off yet the perch being caught have been 10-12 inches long.

Oak Lake: No activity.

Hendricks: Very little activity.



Hunting Report: Snow Geese: None in area.

Clay County

Tony Stokely



Fishing Report:

Rivers: Minimal activity.



Hunting Report: Snow goose hunters having minimal success. Few birds being harvested. Most geese are west of Vermillion.

Davison County

Andy Petersen



Fishing Report:

Remember Firesteel Creek is off limits to the taking of any baitfish.

Lake Mitchell: A few panfish and walleye in front of Sportsman Club.

James River: No report.



Hunting Report: Snow geese are in the area.

Hanson County

Andy Petersen/Matt Talbert



Fishing Report: Fishing has been slow across area. Ice conditions have rapidly been changing

Lake Hanson: A few panfish.

Ethan Dam: No report.

James River: No report



Hunting Report: Snow geese have started showing up throughout the area. Most of the groups have been fairly small. The numbers will increase in the days and weeks ahead.

Hutchinson County

Brian Humphrey



Fishing: No activity observed.



Hunting: There are huntable numbers of snow geese in the area.

Jerauld County

Vacant/Chris Kuntz



Fishing Report: No report.



Hunting Report: Remember it is illegal to chase or harass wildlife with snowmobiles or motor vehicles!

Kingsbury County

Shane Van Bockern



Fishing Reports: Please contact your local bait shops for more up to date fishing report. Dakota Backroads Bait number is 847-5045. Bait Box number is 847-4590.

Lake Thompson: Slow-fair. Walleye, perch, northern and a few crappies

West 81: Fair. Perch and walleye

Lake Whitewood: Slow

Lake Henry: Fair for walleye and northern

Lake Albert: Fair – Walleye and northern.

Spirit Lake: No report

Lake Preston: Slow.



Hunting Report: No report.

Lake County

Cody Symens



Fishing Report:

Lake Madison: Anglers catching 12-14" walleye near evening, perch are constantly moving and difficult to stay on top of.

Lake Herman: Slow, minimal angling pressure.

Brant Lake: Slower, occasional walleye and northern pike. Walleye bite is best in the evening and after dark.

Long Lake: Spotty perch bite, some days more difficult than others.

Lake George: Minimal angling pressure.

Lake Henry: Minimal angling pressure.



Hunting Report: Snow geese have started showing up. The numbers should pick up in the next few days. Coyote hunters are having luck calling early mornings and late evenings. Contact a local landowner you may know and try your luck at predator hunting.

Lincoln County

Nate Stukel



Fishing Report:

Big Sioux: The Big Sioux in Lincoln Co. was ice free as of 03/11/13. No open water fishing activity yet.

Hudson: Sunfish, trout, and the occasional Largemouth bass are biting through the ice. Hudson is a great place to introduce kids to ice fishing.

Lake Alvin: Smaller Bluegill and Crappie are being caught in twelve to fifteen feet of water. Wax worms seem to be the best for Bluegill, and small minnows are being used to catch Crappie.



Hunting Report: A few small groups of Snow Geese have been seen in the western portion of the county this week.

McCook County

Matt Talbert



Fishing Report:

Lake Vermillion: Anglers are having some success on pike and walleye later in the day with an occasional crappie.

Island Lake: Slow a few decent perch in the 8-10 inch range

Lehrman Slough: The perch bite has slowed. A couple anglers are still catching a few.



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Miner County

Evan Meyer



Fishing Report: Slow across the county.



Hunting Report: Snow geese are starting to trickle in. More should be here by this weekend with the nice weather. Please get landowner permission prior to going out. Fields are going to be muddy.

Minnehaha County

Jeremy Rakowicz/Jared Hill/Jeremy Roe



Fishing Report:

Beaver Lake - Slow.

Scott Slough - Slow.

South Island Lake - Slow.

North Island Lake - Slow.

Loss Lake - Slow.

Lost Lake - Slow.

Twin Lakes - Slow. (REMEMBER: 28 inch minimum on Walleyes.)

Family Park - Slow.

Wall Lake - Slow.

Clear Lake - Slow.



Hunting Report: Snow geese are starting to show up and hunters are getting out.

Moody County

Chad Williams



Fishing Report: No activity.

Big Sioux River:



Hunting Report: I am beginning to see a few flocks of Canada Geese passing through the area. I have not heard any hunting reports or checked any hunters yet, but I suspect the snow geese will be arriving within the next few weeks. Keep in mind with the snowmobile season coming to an end, that the use of snowmobiles while predator hunting is prohibited. Snowmobiles are not allowed to chase, pursue, or disperse coyotes.

General: Parts of the Big Sioux River are starting to open. I would like to caution snowmobile riders and anyone using the Big Sioux River to be mindful of the current deteriorating ice conditions on the river.

Sanborn County

Evan Meyer



Fishing Report: Slow across the county.



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Turner County

Brian Humphrey



Fishing Report: No activity observed.



Hunting: There are huntable numbers of Snow Geese throughout the county! There are large numbers of geese in the Viborg and Swan Lake areas of Turner County.

Union County

Tony Stokely / Nate Stukel



Fishing Report: Minimal activity.

McCook Lake: Minimal activity.



Hunting Report: Little pressure for snow geese. Sprinkles of snow goose flocks. Many dark geese and ducks in area. Some hunters seen driving around and laying/sneaking the ditches towards flocks in fields. Be mindful of "flock shooting" as many species of geese and ducks are migrating in the same flocks.

Yankton County

Sam Schelhaas



Fishing Report:

Marindahl: Fishing Activity is slow. There is still some pretty good ice on this lake, but fishermen are urged to be cautious in the upcoming weeks.

Lewis and Clark: No activity observed.

James River: No activity observed.

Lake Yankton: Very little activity.

Missouri River: No activity observed.



Hunting Report: There are huntable numbers of snow geese in the area.

Region 3 updates.